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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: TIP TIER 2 ACTION PLAN

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¶1. PolOff delivered reftel demarche January 9 to Chikez Diemu, Minister of Defense; Philomene Omatuku, Minister of Women's Issues and Children; and Boniface Bola, Secretary General of the Ministry of Labor.

¶2. All three Congolese officials cited child labor as the biggest trafficking problem facing the DRC. They asserted, however, that trafficking is a consequence of poor economic conditions. They also said that sex trafficking is the least prevalent trafficking problem in the DRC.

¶3. All three officials appeared to accept the recommendations in a positive manner and gave assurances they wanted to work closely with the U.S. in combating trafficking. The ministries of Women's Issues and Children and Labor specifically requested U.S. funds to help in their efforts. The Defense Minister expressed surprise when hearing about the case of Jean-Pierre Biyoyo, assuring Poloff he would do everything in his power to facilitate Biyoyo's capture.

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